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MANILA FOR USADB

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK ANNUAL MEETING

REFERENCE: STATE 53964

1. PAKISTAN HAS NOT YET DECIDED ON COMPOSITION OF ITS DELGATION TO ADB ANNUAL MEETING. LAST YEAR, PAK DELEGATION INCLUDED ADB GOVERNOR (FINANCE MINISTER) HANIF AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS SECRETARY AFTAB AHMED KHAN. SINCE THESE ARE THE SENIOR PAKISTANI OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH THE ADB, WE WOULD EXPECT THAT THEY WOULD ALSO ATTEND THIS YEAR'S MEETING. GOP HAS PROMISED TO INFORM US OF MEMBERS OF DELEGATION WHEN A DECISION HAS BEEN MADE.

2. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN TOLD THAT PAKISTAN HAS NOT YET DECIDED WHAT SUBJECTS IT MIGHT RAISE AT THE MEETING. ONE OBVIOUS POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, IS THE CHIREP ISSUE. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT PAKISTAN AT THE LAST TWO MEETINGS MADE STATEMENTS FOR THE RECORD

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SUPPORTING PRC MEMBERSHIP AND THE EXPULSION OF "THOSE WHO UNJUSTLY

OCCUPY CHINA'S PLACE." WE ASSUME THAT IN VIEW OF PAKISTAN'S CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE PRC, PAKISTAN WILL FEEL OBLIGED TO MAKE A SIMILAR STATEMENT THIS YEAR.

3. AS A MAJOR BORROWER FROM THE ADB, WE ASSUME THAT PAKISTAN WILL TAKE A GREAT INTEREST IN ANY REPLENISHMENT PLANS WHICH MAY BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING. THE GOP IS AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE US POSITION IN ANY REPLENISHMENT.

4. WE DO NOT KNOW OF ANY OTHER ISSUES THE PAKISTAN DELEGATION MAY RAISE WITH THE US DELEGATION, AND WE DO NOT NOW HAVE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ISSUES WE MIGHT RAISE WITH THE PAKISTAN-IS. WE WILL CHECK WITH GOP CONTACTS EARLY NEXT MONTH AND TRY TO GET A MORE ACCURATE READING OF THE PAKISTAN POSITION.
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